

Not seldom, nor no slight checks ; when
 1 have Prompted you, In the ebb of your
 estate, And your great flow of debts.
 My lov'd lord ⁹, Though you hear now, (too
 late !) yet now's a time *, The greatest of
 your having lacks a half To pay your
 present debts.

TIM. Let all my land be
 sold².

FLAP-. TIs all engaged, some forfeited
 and gone ; And what remains will hardly
 stop the mouth Of present dues : the
 future comes apace : What shall defend
 the interim ? and at length How goes
 our, reckoning³ ?

9 — My BEAR-lov'd lord!] Thus the second folio.
 The first omits the epithet—dear, and consequently
 vitiates the measure,

STEEVENS.

¹ Though you hear now, (too late!) yet now's a
 lime,] L e. Though it be now too late to retrieve
 your former fortunes, yet it Is not too late to
 prevent by the assistance of your friends, your
 future miseries. Had the Oxford editor understood
 the sense, he would not have altered the text to,—

[#] Though you hear me now, yet now's too late
 a time."

WARBUKTON.

I think Sir Thomas Hanmer right, and have
 received his emendation. JOHNSON.

The old reading is not properly explained by Dr.
 Warburton. " Though I tell you this (says Flavins)
 at too late a period, perhaps, for the information to
 be of any service to you, yet late as it is, it is
 necessary that you should be acquainted with it."
 It is evident, that the steward had very little hope
 of assistance from his master's friends. RITSON.

Though you now *at last* listen to my
 remonstrances, yet now your affairs are in such a
 state that the whole of your remaining fortune will
 scarce pay half your debts. You are therefore wise
 too late. MALONE.

^a THE greatest OF your having
 lacks a half To pay your present
 debts.

Tim. " Let all my land be sold,]

The re-
 dundancy of measure in this passage persuades
 me that it stood originally thus:

** Your greatest having lacks a half
 to pay " Your present debts.

" *Tim.* Let all my land be sold."

STEEVENS.